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Good afternoon, Board of Supervisors. Thank you for holding this public forum. My name is Luis Nolasco, Senior Policy Advocate with the ACLU of Southern California.

I am here to join in with our partners at ICE out of Ventura to ask the Board of Supervisors to urge an end to ICE transfers in Ventura County. It is worrying that the number of transfers that the Sheriff's Department has gone up drastically from 15 in 2022 to 43 in 2023. Even though the total jail bookings have remained the same if not lower, the number of notifications and transfers for this past year are significantly higher.

As was said earlier, this collaboration is NOT mandatory including the act of facilitating the transfer of an individual behind the sally port. No time or resources from our officials should be spent assisting ICE, an agency that operates facilities rampant with human rights abuses like Adelanto Detention Center. Ventura County would not be only County moving towards no transfers – Los Angeles, the largest carceral system in the country ended their collaboration in 2020 and most recently, San Mateo in 2021.

One of the most basic rights in our democracy is the right to due process. The California TRUTH Act and Values Act protect due process for everyone in our community, including undocumented immigrants. But these laws are the floor, not the ceiling.

You as the Board of Supervisors can ensure that the Sheriff's Department completely abstains from immigration enforcement activity. Anti-immigrant policies and practices have no place in Ventura County.

Thank you.

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